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**a. Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 (Previously canceled)

2 (Previously canceled)

3 (Previously canceled)

4 (Currently amended). A bracket and pole assembly for use on a raised flooring surface, the assembly comprising:

(a) at least one bracket comprising a bracket shaft and a bottom support; the at least one bracket being attachable to a floor joist of the raised flooring surface; the at least one bracket further comprising at least two bracket shaft joist walls adjacent the bracket shaft, a plurality of spaced apart, inner and outer bracket holes extending through the bracket shaft joist walls, the inner bracket holes being adjacent the bracket shaft and spaced apart from the outer bracket holes; and

(b) at least one pole assembly comprising a removable, hollow, one-piece pole, an end portion of the pole being removably insertable in the bracket shaft and supportable on the bottom support; and

(c) a removable cap step down plug comprising: (i) a cap step down plug top section; (ii) a cap step down plug bottom section connected to the cap step down plug top section; (iii) a generally circular cap step down plug aperture extending through the center of the cap step down plug top section and the center of the cap step down plug bottom section; and (iv) an attachment bolt shaft extending transversely through the cap step down plug bottom section; wherein the cap step down plug bottom section is removably insertable in a top end of the pole; and

wherein the at least one pole assembly further comprises: (i) cushioning along a base portion of the pole; ~~and (ii) a cap plug removably insertable in the top end of the pole;~~ and (iii) a hook mechanism below the top pole end and above the pole base portion.

5 (Previously amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 4, wherein the pole assembly further comprises:

- (iv) a base plug removably insertable in a bottom end of the pole; and
- (v) a table attachment bolt shaft extending transversely through the pole below the hook mechanism.

6 (Previously amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 4, wherein the hook mechanism comprises a hook, the hook comprising a linear portion and a curved portion, and a hook bolt shaft extending transversely through the pole, the linear portion of the hook extending through the hook bolt shaft.

7 (Currently amended). A bracket and pole assembly for use on a raised flooring surface, the assembly comprising:

- (a) at least one bracket comprising a bracket shaft and a bottom support; the at least one bracket being attachable to a floor joist of the raised flooring surface; the at least one bracket further comprising at least two bracket shaft joist walls adjacent the bracket shaft, a plurality of spaced apart bracket holes extending through the bracket shaft joist walls, the bracket holes comprising a first, inner set of bracket holes and a second, outer set of bracket holes, the first, inner set of bracket holes being adjacent the bracket shaft and spaced apart from the second, outer set of bracket holes; and

- (b) at least one pole assembly comprising a removable hollow pole, an end portion of the pole being removably insertable in the bracket shaft and supportable on the bottom support;

wherein a first one of the bracket shaft joist walls is substantially perpendicularly connected at an end to the a first bracket wall, a second one of the bracket shaft joist walls

is substantially perpendicularly connected at an end to a first end of ~~the~~ a third bracket wall, and the third bracket wall is substantially perpendicularly connected at a second end to the second bracket shaft joist wall; and wherein the bracket and pole assembly further comprises at least two bracket wall holes, a first one of the bracket wall holes being in the first bracket wall and a second one of the bracket wall holes being in the third bracket wall; and wherein the bottom support is at least one bolt extending perpendicularly through the first bracket wall hole in the first bracket wall and the second bracket wall hole in the third bracket wall, and through the bracket shaft.

8 (Original). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 7, wherein the first and second bracket shaft joist walls, and the first, second, and third bracket walls are each generally rectangular in shape.

9 (Currently amended). ~~The A~~ bracket and pole assembly ~~according to Claim 7, for use on a raised flooring surface, the assembly comprising:~~

(a) at least one bracket comprising a bracket shaft and a bottom support: the at least one bracket being attachable to a floor joist of the raised flooring surface; the at least one bracket further comprising two bracket shaft joist walls adjacent the bracket shaft, a plurality of spaced apart bracket holes extending through the bracket shaft joist walls; and

(b) at least one pole assembly comprising a removable hollow pole, an end portion of the pole being removably insertable in the bracket shaft and supportable on the bottom support;

wherein the two-walled, generally triangular shaped bracket shaft comprises a first side and a second side; a first end of the first side being connected at an obtuse angle to the first bracket shaft joist wall; a second, opposite end of the first side being connected to a first end of the second side to form an a pointed apex; a second, opposite end of the second side being connected at an obtuse angle to the second bracket shaft joist wall.

10 (Original). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 9, wherein the bottom support is a base plate, the base plate being affixed to a bottom end of the first side and a bottom end of the second side; and wherein the first bracket shaft joist wall, the second bracket shaft joist wall, the first side, and the second side are each generally rectangular in shape.

11 (Previously canceled).

12 (Previously canceled).

13 (Previously amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 7, wherein the at least one pole assembly further comprises a hook mechanism, the hook mechanism comprising a hook, and a plurality of hook bolt shafts and hook bolts; the hook bolt shafts extending transversely through the pole; the hook bolts being insertable through the hook and the hook bolt shafts.

14 (Previously canceled).

15 (Previously amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 13, further comprising a step down plug, the step down plug comprising:

(a) a step down plug top section;

(b) a step down plug bottom section connected to the step down plug top section, the step down plug bottom section being removably insertable in the bracket shaft; and

(c) a generally circular step down plug aperture extending through a center of the step down plug top section and the step down plug bottom section.

16 (Previously amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 7, further comprising a table attachment mechanism, the table attachment mechanism comprising:

- (a) a table attachment top section;
- (b) a table attachment bottom section connected to the table attachment top section;
- (c) a generally circular table attachment aperture extending through the center of the table attachment top section and the center of the table attachment bottom section; and
- (d) a table bolt shaft extending transversely through the table attachment bottom section.

17 (Original). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 16, wherein the table attachment top section and the table attachment bottom section are generally cylindrical in shape, a diameter of the table attachment aperture is about equal to an outer diameter of the pole, and a diameter of the table attachment bottom section is smaller than a diameter of the table attachment top section.

18 (Previously amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 16, wherein the table attachment aperture is slidable over the pole and a table attachment is removably secured to the pole by a table bolt inserted through the table bolt shaft and the table attachment bolt shaft.

19 (Previously amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 7, further comprising a cylindrical bolt cover over a bracket wall bolt, the bolt cover being about equal in length to the width of the bracket shaft.

20 (Currently amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim [[4]] 9, further comprising a cap plug removably insertable in a top end of the pole; wherein the cap plug comprises a lamp.

21 (Previously amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 19, wherein a central hole in a tabletop has a diameter about equal to an outer diameter of the pole, the hole in the tabletop is slidable over the pole, and a table attachment mechanism supports the tabletop.

22 (Previously amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 7, further comprising a removable cap step down plug, the cap step down plug comprising:

- (a) a cap step down plug top section;
- (b) a cap step down plug bottom section connected to the cap step down plug top section;
- (c) a generally circular cap step down plug aperture extending through the center of the cap step down plug top section and the center of the cap step down plug bottom section; and
- (d) an attachment bolt shaft extending transversely through the cap step down plug bottom section;

wherein the cap step down plug bottom section is removably insertable in a top end of the pole.

23 (Currently amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 22, wherein a flower pot outdoor accessory assembly is removably insertable in the cap step down plug aperture of the cap step down plug, the cap step down plug being removably secured to the pole by an attachment bolt through the attachment bolt shaft and ~~the a hook bolt shaft~~ extending transversely through the pole.

24 (Previously amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 22, wherein an umbrella is removably insertable in the cap step down plug aperture of the cap step down plug.

25 (Currently amended). The bracket and pole assembly according to Claim 22, wherein ~~an outdoor accessory assembly~~ the cap step down plug comprises a lazy susan.

26 (Original). A kit comprising at least one bracket and pole assembly for use on a raised flooring surface, the kit comprising:

- (a) at least one bracket comprising a bracket shaft; the bracket being attached to a floor joist with the bracket shaft directly below a hole in the raised flooring surface; and
- (b) at least one pole assembly comprising a removable hollow pole, an end portion of the pole being removably insertable in the bracket shaft;
- (c) at least one tabletop;
- (d) at least one tabletop attachment mechanism;
- (e) at least one cap step down plug insertable in the top of the pole assembly, the cap step down plug comprising a cap step down plug aperture; and
- (f) at least one outdoor accessory assembly removably insertable in the cap step down plug aperture.